

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**Senate Bill 243**

BY SENATORS AZINGER AND DEEDS

[Originating in the Committee on Health and Human  
Resources; reported on January 25, 2023]



1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §16-53-4, relating to requiring substance use disorder inpatient providers to  
3 provide transportation to their patients.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 53. ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT  
FACILITIES.**

**§16-53-4. Requirement of substance use disorder treatment services to provide  
transportation.**

1 In order to assist individuals in their recovery, upon discharging patients, residential  
2 substance use disorder service facilities in West Virginia shall offer those patients a means of  
3 transportation back to the individual's state of birth, a state in which they have previously lived, or  
4 a state where they have a family support structure.